

WAIMEA INLET FORUM
Report for November 16 Assn meeting

October 2016

1. Anna Gerraty, TDC, outlined the main points in the new Moturoa/Rabbit Is Management Plan.

Management of all islands will continue largely as before with additions:

- walk/cycle trails to be extended and a grade 2 cycle trail built.
- designated horse track to go to the beach and also along Monaco Road.
- existing boat ramps to be upgraded with vehicles confined to designated areas.
- game bird hunt to be allowed for 3 years on 3 weekends during winter at the eastern end, to be annually reviewed.
- new amenities to be installed as needed.
- signs to be renewed and better coordinated with 2 information hubs.
- 20m buffer of native vegetation round all islands, 30 to 50m buffer round the wetland. - classification of special sites eg wetland. Council has a budget for plants in 2017.
- application to spread biosolids on Rough Is was denied
- track alongside The Traverse to be shifted back from the edge of the estuary and the current track which heads close to the estuary to be blocked off.

2. Forum to be held at Headingly Centre, Thurs 9 February, 3pm to plan for planting on Moturoa/Rabbit Island, and other islands covered by the Plan.

Anna to make invitations and Gillian B. will pencil in a booking.

3. Trapping - TET has applied to Predator Free N Z for funding for maintenance and more traps. Plan to extend network as far as Waimea River and ultimately round to Tahunanui. Also perimeters of Bell & Rough Islands, the southern shoreline of Moturoa and to infill. Total traps 1210. Application for \$30K for monitoring equipment.

4. TET has funding for stream care in all contributing catchments.

5. BBR lunch on 20 November for Waimea Inlet volunteers.

6. Bus trip - Sunday 4 December - Call at - Sandeman, Neiman, Hoddy/Research, Dominion & Te Mamaku, Higgs. Gillian B will arrange for a speaker at each stop.

Next meeting - Richmond library booked for 21 November.